(d) whether Government would consider to waive off dues of telephone bills in cases where BSNL connections remain out of order for more than 15 days at a stretch?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir. Rent rebate is normally given by BSNL in the same or subsequent bills for the faults pending for more than three days.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Rent rebate is admissible as under:

Sl.No.	Period of continuous faults during a month	Rent rebate
1.	Up to 3 days	Nil
2.	4 to 7 days	7 days
3.	8 to 15 days	15 days
4.	More than 15 days	One month

(d) BSNL is allowing one month rent rebate for faults exceeding 15 days.

Four-laning of NH-31A

*18. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to make NH-31A into a four lane highway;

(b) if so, the total amount sanctioned for the project;

(c) the portion of the NH likely to be four laned during the year 2007-08; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The Government have approved implementation of two laning with paved shoulders from Sevoke to Ranipul Section of NH-31A under modified Phase 'A' of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE) on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) (Annuity) basis. The work for implementation has been entrusted to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). NHAI is preparing bid document on BOT (Annuity) format for inviting bids and the investment decision will be made by the Government on case by case basis, after completing bidding process.

Long-term vision of DAE

*19. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether long-term vision of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) envisage production of 20,000 MW power from nuclear source in the year 2020;

(b) if so, when was the Long Term Vision framed;

(c) whether fuel supply and linkage for the same was planned, accordingly;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The Government had constituted high level committee, chaired by then CMD, NPCIL, Dr. V.K. Chaturvedi, to prepare an overall plan of the activities of DAE with the objective of reaching of 20,000 MWe by the year 2020 or earlier.

(b) The committee submitted Report on Nuclear Power Programme upto 2020 in June 2001.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Report on Nuclear Power Programme upto 2020 envisaged that the nuclear power capacity of 20,100 MWe was to be achieved in the following manner:

Capacity in operation in June 2001		2720 MWe
Capacity addition through Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors		6880 MWe
Fast Breeder Reactors		2500 MWe
Light Water Reactors		8000 MWe
	Total:	20,100 MWe

The fuel linkages for capacity addition through indigenous reactors have been planned in terms of survey, exploration, mining, processing of additional uranium ore and augmentation of fuel fabrication facilities. The fuel linkages and the cpacity addition through imported LWR is linked to positive developments in international cooperation in nuclear field.

(e) Not applicable.

Terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan

*20. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the intelligence reports holding that the terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan is still very much active and kicking and infiltration is continuing at a large scale and also for the first time China publicly acknowledging the existence of terrorist camps operating in Pakistan, can India afford to lower its guard;

(b) the latest position of infiltration of Pakistanis into J&K; and

(c) whether this continued increased infiltration has affected the on-going talks held between India and Pakistan for improving relations?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) India has continuing concerns regarding terrorism including infiltration and cross border terrorism with Pakistan. These issues have been consistently raised with the Government of Pakistan in various meetings including most recently at the Second meeting of the Joint Anti-Terrorism Mechanism held in New Delhi on 22nd October, 2007.